Views on JFK twisted: coroner

WASHINGTON (UPI) — A pathologist said Thursday that the Rockefeller Commission had misrepresented his testimony to it about the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, which he said supports a two-gunmen theory.

Dr. Cyril H. Wecht, coroner for Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, said at a press conference that a two-gunmen theory would involve a conspiracy. "that says political assassination and cover-up," Wecht said.

Showing his anger at the commission report throughout the conference, Wecht said it had implied that he had withdrawn from his previous stand opposing the single-shot finding of the Warren Commission.

The Rockefeller Commission report said in part:

"Dr. Wecht testified that the available evidence all points to the President being struck only by two bullets coming from his rear, and that no support can be found for theories which postulate gunmen to the front or right front of the presidential car."

Wecht said the main thrust of his testimony had been that available medical, physical and photographic evidence "all point to the fact that the assassination was carried out by two gunmen."

"The fact that both gunmen were located to the rear of the President, which after all includes half of the Earth's surface, in no way diminishes the impact of that conclusion," Wecht said.

Chrysler cuts layoffs

DETROIT (AP) — Chrysler Corp. said Thursday it has reduced layoffs of hourly workers by 1,600 and will operate all eight of its U.S. assembly plants Monday for a seventh straight week. But General Motors Corp. said it will halt production at its Wilmington (Del.) assembly plant Friday for nine weeks, idling 1,150 workers.

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